

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Raymond George Barrows, residence 2431 S. W. 84th Avenue, Miami, Florida, was contacted in room 210, St. Joseph's Hospital, 3001 West Buffalo Avenue, Tampa, Florida, in the presence of his wife, Dora Barrows, his son, Raymond John Barrows, and his daughter, Anne Elizabeth Barrows. Barrows was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent and the official purpose of the interview. Barrows was requested to view simultaneously a display of six facsimile photographs of white males to determine if any of the depicted individuals were identical to the individual to whom he and his brother-in-law, Dr. Juan Antonio Dumois, furnished a ride at Holmes Beach, Florida, on August 1, 1980. Included in this display of facsimile photographs was one photograph of Richard Lee Whitley, Arlington, Virginia, Police Department #A563957.

Barrows selected the facsimile photograph of Richard Lee Whitley from the photographic display and advised that the individual depicted in this photograph was very similar in appearance to the individual to whom he and Juan Dumois furnished a ride in Holmes Beach, Florida, on August 1, 1980. Barrows advised that the facial characteristics of this depicted individual were very similar to those of the individual described above. Barrows stated that the facial similarities include those of the nose, eyebrows, eyes, sunken areas below the eyes, standard size lower lip and thinner upper lip, chin, wrinkles in the forehead and apparent age, which Barrows described as 35 to 38 years old. Barrows noted the build of the depicted individual appeared to be the same as that of the hitchhiker. Barrows stated the hitchhiker's hair was shorter and his sideburns were much shorter than those features of the depicted individual. He recalled that the unknown individual had something noticeable on his chin that was very similar to the marking appearing on the chin of the depicted individual. Barrows did not know if the noticeable chin marking was a dimple, but he noted that it may have been. Barrows signed his name and the date on the reverse side of the facsimile photograph he had selected.

Barrows advised he had previously furnished information regarding the matter to officers of the Manatee County

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Sheriff's Office. Barrows then related the following information:

At approximately 5:00 PM, on August 1, 1980, after he, Juan Dumois, and Dumois' two sons, Eric and Mark, had finished fishing in the Gulf, had come into the Kingfish Boat Ramp at Holmes Beach, Florida, had loaded the boat and pulled it up the ramp into the "dry area", and had secured the boat with straps, Barrows, Juan Dumois, and Dumois' two sons entered Dumois' 1977 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser station wagon and proceeded to drive to the highway. Just before turning onto the highway, an unknown individual, who was walking along with a bicycle at a location to the rear right, passenger side of the automobile, said, "I need some directions." Barrows described this individual as a white male, approximately 35 to 38 years old, having a slender build, being approximately 5'11" to 6' tall, having dark brown almost black hair, eyes which Barrows believed were "light colored", and a ruddy complexion. This individual was wearing a "tennis outfit", which Barrows described as white shirt and shorts, both of which he believes had a little blue and red trim, and bluish-gray tennis shoes. Barrows did not recall if that individual was wearing socks, but he noted the individual's legs were not very hairy.

Barrows advised that since he did not know that area very well, he asked Juan Dumois if he could provide that individual with directions. Juan Dumois then backed up the station wagon and boat and stopped beside that individual, who was on Barrows' side of the car. Barrows' window was down and the individual looked toward Juan Dumois and said, "I want to go to one of the condominiums", and he pointed to Gulf Boulevard, which Barrows noted is south of route 64. Juan Dumois then asked the individual, "What address?" This individual said, "I don't know the exact address, but it's just around the corner. I have a bad ankle." Juan Dumois then said, "Yeah, we'll help you." Juan Dumois exited the automobile as Barrows also exited the car. Juan Dumois walked to the rear of the car and helped the male individual lift the ten-speed bicycle, which was off-white in color with a little red and blue trim, into the boat on the left rear side, which Barrows described as being the same side as the driver's side of the automobile.

Barrows was standing near the rear of the station wagon when he observed the bicycle being put into the boat. Barrows noted that Juan Dumois then proceeded forward to enter the driver's side of the car as Barrows walked behind this male individual to the passenger side of the car. Barrows walked past this individual and opened the rear door on the passenger side and the male individual got into the car. Barrows stated that this individual was not carrying anything and Barrows did not notice any limp.

Barrows then opened the front passenger door and entered the car. Juan Dumois started driving toward the highway, and Barrows believed the station wagon had just traveled from the dirt road onto the highway, Route 64, when Barrows heard a loud noise. At that time, Barrows thought that someone had hit the boat from the rear and that the boat had been knocked into the car. Barrows then slumped to the seat and was semi-conscious. Barrows heard Juan Dumois yelling and then "saw Juan's back full of blood" as Juan Dumois was slumped under the steering wheel. Barrows did not hear any noise other than Juan Dumois' yelling just before Barrows observed blood on Dumois' back.

Barrows next recalled that he was lying on the ground and that male individuals, whom he assumed were medics, were picking Juan Dumois and Dumois' two sons up on stretchers, that there were a lot of people around, and there was an ambulance nearby. Barrows stated that he was semi-conscious at that time. He saw medics pick him up on a stretcher and put him into an ambulance at which time Barrows' "memory blacked out".

Barrows next recalled hearing someone say he was "not too bad off" and would not need to go to intensive care. Barrows noted that he heard this comment while being rolled through the hospital to the progressive care unit.

Barrows recalled that the unknown white male did not have a southern or foreign accent, but had a "more or less" New England accent. Barrows did not notice any bulges under that individual's clothes, nor was he looking for any. Barrows advised that he believed he would be able to recognize that individual if he were to see him again.

Barrows stated that his doctor had said Barrows was shot in the neck by a bullet he believed was .22 caliber.